1	2	3
	2004-05	
1.	Integrated Development of Massanjore (Distt. Dumka)	493.25
2.	Development of Tirthenkar—Boddhisatwa Circuit	494.57
	Total	987.82
	2005-06	
1.	Hazaribagh Cultural-cum-Adventure Festival, 2006	5.00
2.	Adventure Tourism Festival, 2005 Ghatshila, Jamshedpur	4.20
3.	Hijla Tribal Rural Festival, 2006 at Dumka	2.50
4.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Ranchi-Netarhat-Betla-Ranchi	798.00
5.	Integrated Development of Deoghar (Distt. Deoghar) under Destination Development Scheme	417.57
	Total	1227.27
	2006-07	
1.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit 'Ranchi-Rajrappa-Hazaribagh-ltkhori' in Jharkhand	775.78
	Total	775.78

Ranking of India as Tourist Destination

242. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was voted as the fourth most popular tourist destination in the world ranking above South Africa and Switzerland;

(b) whether the entire potentiality of tourism on various areas of India have been fully studied through a reputed global consultant in this context;

(c) if not, whether it is likely to be done expeditiously to prepare a road map and to employ innovative approach to exploit the new area of potentiality in tourism; and

(d) whether Government propose to fix time-frame for this process?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. India has been ranked as the 4th most favoured country for holidays, above South Africa and Switzerland, as per a survey undertaken by Conde Nast Traveller magazine for their 2006 Readers'Travel Awards.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Tourism hasassigned to a reputed Consultant to examine the various aspects of tourism, covering existing policies, infrastructure, marketing strategies, etc., and prepare a plan for increasing the flow of foreign tourists in the country.

Development of Seminary hills as tourist place

†243. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scheme to develop Seminary hills of Vidarbha region in Maharashtra, as a tourist place has been cleared;

(b) if so, the total amount allocated for beautification of these hills; and

(c) by when, the Seminary hills would be fully developed as a tourist place?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Integrated development of places of tourist interest/spots in the country including the State of Maharashtra, is a continuous process. The development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ UT Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for grant of Central financial assistance every year to them for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

No proposal for development of Seminary Hills of Vidarbha region in Maharashtra has either been prioritized for grant of Central financial assistance during 2006-07 nor has any such project proposal has been

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